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JOB DECEPTION RACKETS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of job deception rackets, involving deprivation and duping of young job seekers of huge sums of money on false promises of providing them jobs abroad unearthed in the country; State-wise;

(b) the number of recruitment agencies in the country whose licences were cancelled for malpractices in recruiting employees/labourers to foreign countries during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to effectively eliminate such rackets?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c) : Sporadic complaints regarding cheating of intending emigrants are received against the agencies engaged in the business of recruitment of Indian workers for overseas employment. Some of the agencies against whom the complaints received are registered with the Govt. while others are operating unauthorisedly. Complaints generally relate to charging of service charges in excess of the amount provided for under the rules, collection of money from the intending emigrants but not actually sending them for overseas employment, sending some of the workers to other countries against non-existent jobs and, in some cases changing the terms and conditions of employment of the workers on their reaching the alien land. During the year 1999, 163 such complaints were received. The State-wise position is as under:-

Andhra Pradesh	08
Delhi	39
Goa	01
Karnataka	04
Maharashtra	48
Kerala	22
Punjab	08
Rajasthan	06
Tamil Nadu	22
Uttar Pradesh	01
West Bengal	04
Total:	163

During the last three years, 32 Registration certificates were suspended and two Registration certificates viz. M/s. Samreen Travels, Mumbai and M/s. Upmax Enterprises, Lucknow (U.P.) were cancelled.

With a view to curbing the activities of such rackets, detailed guidelines have been issued to the State Governments for issue of necessary instructions right upto the Police Station level for keeping strict vigil on the activities of such agents and registration of cases against them.